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	Group Art Unit	1742
	Examiner	YEE

This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/129,238 filed on August 5, 1998 entitled **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A THIN SHEET OF ULTRA-LOW-CARBON STEEL FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF DRAWN PRODUCTS FOR PACKAGING AND THIN SHEET OBTAINED**

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4) *16/26*
 a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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 b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 a. ☐ PTO-1449
 b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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TOTAL	16	MINUS 20	0	× \$18 =	\$0.00	
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		BASIC FEE				\$710.00
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$710.00

6. Small Entity Status:
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.
☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time in the parent case. Any fees required for such an extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$820.00** is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time (one-month)

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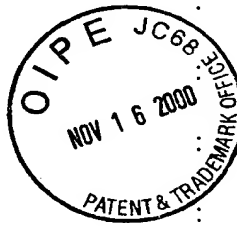
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VERONIQUE SARDOY ET AL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) Process for producing a thin sheet of ultra-low-carbon steel, said process comprising:

-producing a killed and vacuum-degassed steel comprising, by weight, between 0.10 and 0.35% manganese, less than 0.006% nitrogen, less than 0.025% phosphorus, less than 0.020% sulphur, less than 0.020% silicon, a total amount of the elements copper, nickel and chromium of at most 0.08%, at most 0.006% carbon and at most 0.020% aluminum, iron and inevitable impurities,

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